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November 9, 2009

TRICO Electric Cooperative, Inc. 8600 W. Tangerine Road P.O. Box 930 Marana, AZ 85653-0930

Attention:

Vincent Nitido

Intervener Questions **Net Metering Tariff** Docket No. E-01461A-09-0450

Dear Mr. Nitido:

On October 29, 2009, I received a notification of Intervention from the Arizona Corporate Commission approving James Arkoosh as an intervener in the above matter. Pursuant to my approved role I have the following questions.

- I. Sun Watts Program. Please provide:
 - Date the Sun Watts Program began.
 - From the date the Sun Watts Program began, please provide by year (e.g. 2005, 2006, etc.) the number of qualified solar installations which were approved, fully installed and funded by each yearend.
 - For 2009, please provide the same information but use a cutoff date of September 30, 2009.
 - For each year ending before January 1, 2009, please provide a schedule showing actual reimbursement rates for member generated solar power received by TRICO compared to the approved tariff rate charged customers for delivered power for that year. [I am not requesting information for 2009.1

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 Provide authority from the existing net metering rules that allows the Utility to establish an April 30 yearend while its normal yearend is December 31.

VI Avoided Cost: Please provide:

- An illustration of your current cost of purchasing kWh from AEPCO. Are these costs directly passed on to residential customers?
- What was your current total cost to purchase one additional kWh from AEPCO on last of July, 2009 and September 2009?
- Does TRICO have any ownership interest in AEPCO? If so, in what form?
- Is TRICO in partnership with AEPCO?
- Is it correct to say that TRICO has an ACC approved contract to purchase energy from AEPCO at an approve tariff rate and if TRICO needs incremental energy from AEPCO then TRICO pays the AEPCO the Tariff rate for the incremental energy?

Thank you for your assistance. If you need clarification on any request, please call 520-818-3394 or send an e-mail to jdarkoosh@q.com.

Time is of the essence.

Very truly yours,

James M. Arkoosh

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II. Metering

Per your tariff request, please provide your actual current hard costs for Bi
- directional meters that you are currently providing (equipment costs
only).

III. Monthly Billing

- Define what the phrase "watt" "(not kw or kva demand...) as used in your draft tariff means
- Per R14-2-2304, the utility is required to record the accumulating kWh in both directions in each billing period. Please provide information on the cost of transmitting this data assuming transmitted only once a month on the last day of the month.

IV. Administrative Charge

- Please provide detailed information for the proposed administrative charge of \$4.38. Per R14-2-2305, this shall be fully supported via a "cost of services study and benefit cost analysis."
- Per the above, provide details of any services in the proposed net metering administrative charge which are currently included in the standard tariff administrative charge of \$15.00.

V. Definitions

- Annual Average Avoided Cost: Using 2008 data, please provide a mathematical calculation of what this amount would be under your proposed net metering tariff. (What is the calculated amount per kWh received?)
- R14-2-2307 (B) requires the utility to "specify standard rates" for annual excess electricity purchased from net metering facilities. Why has the Utility not provided a standard rate?
- <u>Calendar Year</u>. After years of settling with member solar-generating facilities on a December 31 yearend, why is the utility requesting an April 30 yearend? Please explain why the Utility is expressly reducing payment to a net metering facility by changing to a date that is the most favorable to the Utility and the most disadvantageous to the net metering facility?
- <u>Calendar Year</u>. Is there any reason TRICO could not implement a yearend of September 30.